

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 21, 2005

Chairman Manke called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: First Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors Patricia Haukohl, Walter Kolb, Richard Manke, William Mitchell, Duane Paulson, Duane Stamsta. **Absent:** Supervisor James Dwyer (out of town on county business).

Staff Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Mark Mader, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha.

Also Present: UW-Extension Director Marcia Jante, Director of Public Works Rich Bolte, County Clerk Kathy Nickolaus, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Reporter Scott Williams.

Correspondence

Manke reviewed and distributed the list of correspondence. He said Supervisors should request copies of the listed items from Jicha.

Approve Minutes of 2/28/05

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Mitchell second, to approve the minutes of February 28, 2005. Motion carried: 6-0.

Discuss Draft Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 46 Relating to Campaign Finance Reform in the State of Wisconsin

Krahn said SB 46 was defeated March 17. Several of the votes against the bill were due to the bill not having sound fiscal funding measures. The bill would have been approved if this had been cleaned up. Krahn presented a new campaign finance resolution titled, "Support Legislation to Reform Campaign Financing in the State of Wisconsin." This resolution shows Waukesha County's support of campaign finance reform legislation in Wisconsin which would require full and prompt disclosure of election-related activities, lower contribution limits and provide partial funding to candidates who abide by campaign spending limits.

Haukohl said the entire premise of the resolution is too complicated and it needs to be simplified.

Kolb said he doesn't understand the motivation behind this bill. He needs to know who stands to win on the resolution: the democrats or republicans.

Krahn said a new campaign finance reform bill will come up again and Waukesha County will be on board as supporting it. There are many organizations in Wisconsin in support of campaign reform. Campaign finance is for the people. Krahn will keep the committee apprised of how this bill moves forward.

Paulson said he supports this resolution but wonders if we shouldn't work on cleaning our own house. In the past elections some County Board Supervisory candidates spent a lot of money on their campaigns for part time jobs. Maybe we should do something in Waukesha County to keep campaign financing in check here.

Haukohl said she would like to see language added to the resolution stating Waukesha County supports those voters who voted for campaign finance in 2000.

Stamsta asked Kolb if he agrees that candidates should be able to have an unlimited amount of funds to run campaigns. Kolb said he doesn't like the government telling candidates how much they can or cannot spend on campaigns.

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Stamsta second, to create this draft resolution with the addition of wording stating that the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors joins the majority of voters in support of campaign finance reform. Motion carried: 5-1 (Kolb voted no.)

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 159-O-131: Authorize the Waukesha County U.W. Extension Office to Enter into a Subcontractor Agreement with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System to Expand the Waukesha County Horticulture Resource Center Outreach, to Conduct Greenhouse Construction Workshops, to Develop a Model to Teach Horticulture to Low to Moderate Income Families, and to Appropriate Additional State Funding to the 2005 Budget

MOTION: Paulson moved, Haukohl second, to approve Ordinance 159-O-131.

Jante said this ordinance authorizes UW-Extension to receive and appropriate \$58,468 of subcontract funding to expand the county horticulture resource center. The expansion will include conducting educational workshops for the fresh market vegetable producers and for farmers in greenhouse or hoop house construction to extend their produce season throughout the county. UW-Extension will also develop a model to teach horticulture education to low to moderate-income families in the City of Waukesha. The funding period is through May 31, 2006. The department plans to request any unused contract funding balances at December 31, 2005 to be included as part of the 2005 carryover ordinance. The department staff will administer the contract. The contract funding does not provide funding to cover the county's administrative and indirect costs, which are estimated to be seven percent of the grant amount or approximately \$4,100.

Haukohl said the Finance Committee approved this ordinance. The grant fulfills UW-Extension budget objectives.

Kolb said he will vote for this ordinance even though the program is a total waste of money. He feels that if Waukesha County doesn't take the money, someone else will.

Paulson asked are they appropriating additional money or adding staff to run this program? Jante said we are not adding staff for this program. Existing staff will do additional work to administer the grant. Jante said typically, the Department of Administration requests that 7% of each grant is set aside for administrative costs to cover work completed by Waukesha County's budget division. This grant did not allow indirect or administrative charges. UW-Extension staff does not have to find an additional \$4,100 or 7% of the grant to cover the Department of Administration fees.

Mader said the 7% the Department of Administration gets from many grants helps to cover that department's staff salaries. If the Department of Administration thought there was a problem with this grant, perhaps they wouldn't have let it advance this far.

Motion carried: 6-0.

**Discuss UW-Extension Grant Applications for:
Garth Brooks Foundation/Combating Childhood Obesity**

Jante said this one-year grant will deliver a comprehensive nutrition and fitness program for youth. UW-Extension has applied for a \$50,000 to fund this program, which will include the following partners: Saratoga School, UW-Extension Nutrition Education Program, Carroll College, UWW and Medina's Community Center. The program, offered as part of the Saratoga After School Program, will focus on obesity, physical fitness and academic achievement by providing a practical application of nutrition

principles through a sports angle. The students will apply nutrition knowledge in combination with physical activity (kickboxing). This grant will provide programming similar to the homework program previously offered at Saratoga School which was terminated in June 2004 when grant funding ended.

Hasbro Foundation for Police and Kids

Jante said the purpose of this grant is to teach youth life skills including community responsibility, decision-making, consequences, team building and communication. The program will also provide educational programs, which are targeted to events pertinent to the youths' lives including drugs, gangs, graffiti, bullying, etc. The collaborative partners of this program are City of Waukesha Police Department, Waukesha School District, Saratoga Elementary School and Sharkey's Bar and Grill. UW-Extension staff has requested a grant totaling \$61,204 with 7% to cover administrative costs. No direct funding/tax dollars are being put into this grant.

Jante said Sharkey's will provide bus service at a reduced price for this program since the bar's bus is not used daily from 3-6 p.m. Sharkey's also provides cash donations to the program.

Jante said in the past three years, there has been a 17% decrease in youth crimes in this neighborhood. UW-Extension provided this type of statistical information to Hasbro in the grant application.

Drug Free Communities Support Program

Jante found this grant on Ecivis and had eleven days to pull together the extensive pre-application and grant paperwork. For groups receiving this grant, the grant serves as a catalyst for increased citizen participation and greater collaboration among all sectors of and organizations within a community, enhances community efforts to promote and deliver effective substance abuse prevention strategies, assesses the effectiveness of community substance abuse prevention initiatives directed toward youth and provides information about effective substance abuse prevention initiatives that be can be replicated in other communities. Jante contacted Jan Wilberg, a contract grant writer previously hired by Waukesha County, about the grant. Wilberg has successfully written three grants for this program for Milwaukee County and she was willing to help Waukesha County prepare the grant application.

Jante said in order to fulfill the requirements of the grant application, a collaborative, community group needs to be in place. A meeting was with several groups including Waukesha School District, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, Addition Resource Counsel, Saratoga Schools, City of Waukesha Police Department, etc. to discuss interest in a collaborative effort. The group decided to move forward with the grant. Per the grant application process, a public meeting was held to discuss the efforts of this collaborative group. Forty citizens attended the meeting and provided input and commitment toward moving forward with the program.

After working with Wilberg and spending a considerable amount of time and effort on the project, it was decided to not pursue the grant this year due to the amount of additional work needing to be completed and the short timetable. Because of the momentum of the collaboration, Jante decided to use staff time to support coalition development so next year the grant application process will be simplified. There wasn't time to complete all the necessary steps before the due date.

Jante said 80% of this grant funding needs to be used to build collaborations so communities can look at approaching drug-free communities from a multi-discipline approach. After the collaboration is established, the group would seek ways to establish a drug free community through many efforts. There needs to be a sense of purpose or mission and driven by the group members. IMPACT, a collaborative effort in Milwaukee County that receives this funding, provides training and educational materials, prepares a budget, hires staff

to work the program, etc. Next year when the grant is written, alcohol-free and drug-free training will be included. Jante wants to mobilize this collaboration as soon as possible while there is momentum.

Status Update on UW-W Northview Hall Refurbishing and UW-W Northview Lecture Hall Capital Projects

Bolte reported Waukesha County has placed the UW-Waukesha capital projects on hold pending the decision on the future of the university and campus. The projects have not been canceled but are on hold. Once a decision is made regarding the mission of the facility, the county will move forward if the plan requires renovations. There are concerns that changes won't be in concert with the possible future use of the facility. The decision makers want to wait and see what the long-term use of the facility will be. Bolte recently received the final estimates for these projects and they are over budget. Because of higher than expected costs, Bolte will need to come before the Executive Committee for budget decisions before proceeding.

Haukohl asked isn't the Northview Hall renovation a generic upgrade of the classrooms that would fit into any future plans? Haukohl has concerns how the not renovating the facility will affect the UW-Waukesha students. Waukesha County has a commitment to maintain the campus. We should do a general upgrade of the facilities to fit into any school use. Bolte said he can't tell if the renovations will or will not fit into the future use of the facility.

Haukohl said the County Board should decide if this project is stopped or the facility is sold. Even if the campus is sold, it will take time. Bolte said the county wants to make sure any projects it does fits with the mission of the facility.

Haukohl asked how long is this project on hold? Bolte said he doesn't know.

Mitchell asked do you anticipate an increase in costs because of the delay? Bolte said he would expect an increase. Bolte said Dean Stewart has concerns with project timing. Whenever renovations take place, they need to be done in conjunction with UW-Waukesha administration to reduce the delay and inconvenience.

Stamsta said this issue should come before the County Board before any agreement is made to sell or get rid of the facility.

Paulson asked how long before a decision on this project is made? Is there are timeframe? Bolte said the Executive Committee will be reviewing the next capital plan before any decision is made.

Manke said the state has committed more than a million dollars for equipment for this project. Will they take that money away? Bolte said he hopes UW-Waukesha will not lose the money but it is hard to say.

Haukohl said the Executive Committee needs to have a discussion about selling the facility. This issue hasn't been discussed with the policy makers of the county. The County Executive should discuss this at a future Executive Committee meeting.

Mader asked why do you think the bids were so high and how much do you anticipate the price increasing? Bolte said the price of steel and construction commodities continues to increase. We saw higher prices when building the new Retzer Nature facility. We know we will be over budget on the UW-Waukesha projects. We generally estimate a 3% increase per year in project costs.

Mitchell said the County Executive is within his role to explore different options for the county. Finley sent an email to County Board Supervisors asking them for responses on the UW-Waukesha issue.

Stamsta asked is the money allocated for this project for structural improvements? Bolte said yes it is. Stamsta said regardless of what goes into the classrooms the structural work still needs to be done. Bolte said not necessarily. A room would be renovated differently if it were used for a science lab versus a computer lab.

Legislative Update

Krahn distributed and reviewed a handout titled, "2005 State Legislation" dated March 21, 2005. Krahn reviewed the following bills AB 179, AB 152, AB 107, AB 220, AB 225, AB 226, AB 236 and AB 252.

The Joint Finance Committee has finished all but one budget hearing. The last meeting will be held today in southeastern Wisconsin. During Easter week, the committee will hear from the department heads on the budget. The committee will deliberate the budget bill the second week of April. Next, a list of nonfiscal issues will be pulled from the bill.

There is a Seven County meeting with the Southeastern Wisconsin delegation on April 11 at Zoofari. Networking will begin at 8 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Krahn said he made rounds on the hill in Washington D.C. a few weeks ago on the federal budget. There are a lot of concerns with the huge cuts the President made. The Senate has returned a large amount of money to the budget removed by the President. Krahn talked to several people about federal and state tax intercepts but feels the issue is running into bureaucratic walls.

2005 NACo Legislative Conference Update

Haukohl reported attending sessions on some of following topics at the NACo Legislative Conference: forest conservation, unfunded federal mandates, the Unfunded Mandate Reform Act, how the new energy bill affects counties, immigration reform, the Clean Air Act, initiatives to allow power plants to meet standards, etc. She heard John McCain and Nancy Pelosi speak and a choir of NACo representatives sing hymns. Lastly Haukohl discussed TABOR with a supervisor from Colorado.

Haukohl said she learned four basic things at the conference; it's all in the wording, don't get between me and making a living, it's the economy stupid and local governments pay and pay.

Committee Reports by Committee Chairs for the Following Meetings:

March 2 & 16, 2005 – Finance – Haukohl said at the March 2 meeting, the committee considered a library ordinance and heard reports on 4th quarter collections, employee performance awards and the interim system for tax cashing. On March 16, the committee considered an ordinance on a new dog for the Sheriff's Department and one authorizing the issuance of bonds. The committee approved RFPs for a vendor to produce the County Executive's strategic plan.

March 1, 2005 – Personnel – Paulson said the committee discussed the 4th quarter report on Worker's Compensation Claims, the 2004 County Clerk annual report and the annual report on employee performance evaluations and awards.

March 11, 2005 – Judiciary and Law Enforcement – Mitchell said this meeting was held at the Huber Facility and included a tour of the facility. The committee heard reports on Spillman Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems, Waukesha Work Release Center 2005 annual inspection report and jail population statistics. Lastly the committee considered an ordinance to amend the Sheriff's Department 2005 budget expenditure of donated funds.

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March 1 & 15, 2005 – Land Use – Kolb said at the March 15 meeting, the committee considered an ordinance to amend chapter 14 of the Waukesha County Code by repealing and recreating Storm Water Management and Erosion Control Section. They also considered two zoning ordinances and reviewed the 2004 Register of Deeds annual report. At the March 1 meeting, the committee considered two ordinances to amend the Waukesha County Shoreland and Floodland Protection Ordinance. The committee also reviewed the 2004 Environmental Health Program Summary.

March 2 & 10, 2005 – Public Works – Manke said the first part of the March 2 meeting was a closed session meeting with the Finance Committee and Airport Commission. After the closed session, the committee considered an ordinance on CTH I in the City of New Berlin and a resolution to oppose AB/SB 15. At the March 10 meeting, the committee toured the jail and the Retzer Center. They discussed UW-Waukesha capital projects, the house on Northview and community corrections at Northview.

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Kolb second, to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Motion carried: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Kolb
Secretary